

Madison County Solid Waste Board Minutes

On March 5, 2008, a meeting of the Madison County Solid Waste Board came to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room in the Panky house. Members present were David Casebolt, Sarris Marsh, Tikker Jones, Janet Dochnahl and Jean Shipp. Others present were Ralph Hamler and Donna Gilman.

Review May 11, 2006 Minutes: Tikker Jones moved to approve the May 11, 2006 minutes. David Casebolt seconded the motion.

Review of Solid Waste Refund Requests: Requests were reviewed and discussion followed. Janet Dochnahl moved to approve the requests. David Casebolt seconded the motion.

MACO Insurance Report: MACO has requested that all volunteers report their time to Work Comp. All members attending the meetings of the Solid Waste Board must fill out their report with SSN and time spent at the meeting. Form completed with all fulfilling MACO's request.

Budget Review: Ralph Hamler explained the Solid Waste Revenue and expenses year to date for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. Ralph went line by line to explain the expenditures and percentages of this fiscal year. There were 5 pages of review.

Discussion of the tipping fees that will most likely increase this coming year as gas prices have significantly increase the expense of hauling to Beaverhead and Logan Landfills. Beaverhead is currently at \$22.00 and Logan is anywhere between \$29.00 and \$50.00 per loaded ton. Beaverhead County has notified us that they will be increasing tipping fees for next fiscal year (Est. at \$29.00/ton).

Rental payments to the Town of Ennis for the dumpsite is \$1.00/year and rent to Robert Nevin for the Virginia City dumpsite is \$400.00/month for a 3 to 31/2 year option to buy. An alternate location available for land exchange behind the fish pond is but would be difficult for the trucks to access.

Sarris Marsh motioned to approve the 2007-2008 preliminary budgets. Tikker Jones seconded the motion.

Recycling Update: Ralph Hamler presented spreadsheets pertaining to the tonnage of waste diverted through the Headwaters recycling program and monies received from the sale of cardboard and scrap metal. He said the county saved around \$32,000, the cost for the county to haul, by recycling cardboard and scrap metal. Approximately 200 tons of waste was diverted through the Headwater recycling program.

Ralph is in conversation with Headwaters recycling to purchase several more Binnies. Discussion of cost is still in process. Headwater is closing the facility and will have used Binnies for sale.

First Madison Bank is developing a County wide instruction on recycling. They want to educate the county to the many ways recycling is beneficial to the county and want to purchase Binnies with First Madison Bank on the side of the Binnies.

Discussion of submitting newspaper articles to go along with educating the communities to amounts made in the county for recycled materials. With this money made for the county it helps keep costs down for the solid waste tax.

Ralph is looking into the recycling of plastics. This has been an ongoing request of many Madison County tax payers. Those plastics that can be recycled now have to be taken in to Butte or Bozeman by individuals. Plastics that can be recycled are 1-7 with 1-3 being the most profitable for the county. Ralph will keep us updated on the progress of recycling plastics in Madison County.

Glass is a big problem for the drivers as people leave boxes of glass sitting next to the bin but can't seem to take the time to deposit it into the Binnie.

Janet brought up a concern that the Binnies are not clearly labeled and that the size of the holes are not adequate for depositing into. She wondered if the drivers could take inventory of the places that new signs need to be made. The paper Binnies need new labels especially now that slick paper as well as magazines and phone books are acceptable to put in to the paper Binnies.

Discussion of starting a recycling of reusables at the Ennis land fill was had. It was decided we would try to get this going to try to keep costs down for hauling to Logan.

From January through September scrap metal brought in \$11,000 as did cardboard. Scrap metal has been guaranteed a price of \$80/ton.

New hire committee was selected for the hiring of a truck driver for the Solid Waste/Junk Vehicle Program. Those on the committee are Ralph Hamler, Jean Shipp, Dave Casebolt, Tikker Jones, Sarris Marsh and Commissioner, Marilyn Ross. The interviews will be held March 28, 2008 in the Panky Conference room.

Review of New Purchases: Three letters of recommended purchases from the Solid Waste Board to the Commissioners were reviewed.

(1) Palfinger 50,00lb Hook Lift Model T-50 for the delivered price of \$29,979.00;

(1) Great Lakes Model SR2440 pup Trailer and (4) Dura Bright Aluminum Rims for \$24,450.00 (1) 2008 389 Heavy Duty Diesel Truck for a bid of \$108,151.00.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM